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GLORIOUS GLADIOLI

The Beautiful Sword Lilies of American
Gardens



The Choicest Varieties Grown by

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FOREWORD

THE FLOWER

BEAUTY is the synonym for gladioli. There is no flower of our gardens which can outrival it in stateliness, grace and endless variety of colorings. Its colors range from the purest white through the deepest self-shades. There are mottled, speckled and blotched ones without end.

VARIETIES are extremely numerous. A selection of the best can be made only by those who have had years of experience. It is our policy to give our customers the benefit of our knowledge and to list only those varieties which have received the highest awards by gladioli experts all over the country. Many of the older, well-known kinds have been eliminated to give place to their successful rivals. Our endeavor is to keep abreast of the marvelous development which American growers, each year, are bringing about in this flower.

CULTURE. There is no flower easier to raise than the gladiolus. In the spring the clean, round bulb is placed in the ground and nature and an occasional watering takes care of the rest. Even the production of prize-winning spikes is a simple matter and full directions are given with all bulbs we send out.

THE BULB

PEDIGREE is back of every fine variety; but, however worthy the kind may be, one cannot hope to get good flowers if the bulbs have not been raised under the proper conditions of soil and climate. The Puget Sound country has been pronounced by experts to be the best bulb section in the world, Holland not excluded; and we spare no expense to give our bulbs the proper growing conditions.

GUARANTEE. We guarantee to furnish bulbs of unusual vitality, large blooming size and absolutely true to name. We will rectify, only too gladly, any mistakes that might happen, and will replace any bulbs that are not true to name. It must be mutually understood, however, that beyond this we will not be held responsible.

PRICES. Our prices are the lowest consistent with the quality of bulbs we send out. We have long since learned that poor seeds and bulbs are expensive at any price; and it is our aim to deal with our customers as we would be dealt with.

100 Bulbs at 7 times the dozen rate

TERMS. Cash with order where immediate delivery is to be made. When goods are held for future delivery, a deposit of one-fourth the amount is asked.

DELIVERY is usually by parcel post prepaid free to any part of the United States. Mail orders receive our most careful attention.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF NAMED VARIETIES

This is a list chosen from the hundreds of varieties we grow and offer for sale. It represents the best in the gladiolus world.

The names in parentheses are those of the originators.

Primulinus is a particularly graceful type in which one of the upper petals forms more or less of a hood over the stamens.

PINK SHADES

	Each Dozen	
AEOLIAN (Kunderd). Deep salmon rose with edges of petals bordered blue. Flowers large and of heavy substance	.50	5.00
AMERICAN BEAUTY (Diener). American Beauty rose with creamy yellow throat. A wonderful bouquet of blooms all open at once	.50	5.00
CATHERINE COLEMAN (Coleman). A sensationally large and exceedingly fine flower. Coral pink	1.50	15.00
DOROTHY McKIBBIN (Kunderd). Early bloomer. Light pink overlaid with deep rose on the edge of petals. Daintily ruffled	.15	1.50
DOROTHY WHEELER (Kunderd). Primulinus. Rich rose pink. Tall spikes of large massive flowers	.15	1.50
E. J. SHAYLOR (Kunderd). Early bloomer. Heavily ruffled. Deep rose pink.	.15	1.50
EVELYN KIRTLAND (Austin). Shell pink with deep rose pink throat	.10	1.00
GIANT NYMPH (Coleman). A giant flower. Light rose pink with creamy yellow throat	1.00	10.00
JENNY LIND (Dr. Hoeg). Soft apricot pink with yellow throat. The most beautiful coloring of any variety	.50	5.00
LE MARÉCHAL FOCH (Van Duessen). Salmon. Early bloomer. Enormous blossoms. Light pink. A superior flower in every way to popular America	.10	1.00
MAIDEN'S BLUSH (Grullemans). Primulinus. Very early. Delicate soft shade of pink. Beautiful	.15	1.50
MARSHAL FOCH (Kunderd). Salmon pink. Large, round, wide open blossoms. We highly recommend this as one of the best	.25	2.50
MONA LISA (Kunderd). Most beautiful pale lavender pink. Ruffled	.20	2.00
MRS. DR. NORTON (Kunderd). Cream and pink in a wonderful blending	.15	1.50
MRS. H. E. BOTHIN (Diener). Flesh salmon pink with flame scarlet center. A finer coloring on the order of Mrs. Frank Pendleton	.25	2.50
MRS. LEON DOUGLAS (Diener). Begonia rose, striped with scarlet. Magnificent spikes of mammoth flowers	1.00	10.00

MRS. NEWELL VANDERBILT (Diener). Heavily ruffled salmon pink mottled with crimson. Wonderful, large spikes	.50	5.00
MYRTLE (Kunderd). Delicate rose pink with lighter throat. A charming flower	.10	1.00
1910 ROSE (Kunderd). Large pure rose pink with a narrow white line on lower petals. A color suitable for all occasions	.10	1.00
PEACH ROSE (Kunderd). Brilliant rose pink, darker throat, strikingly beauti- ful	.50	5.00
PINK WONDER (Kemp). Bright light pink with yellow at base of lower pet- als. Rose feathering. Huge flowers. A wonderful gladiolus	.25	2.50
RARITY (Kunderd). Bright lavender pink, tinted old rose. A rare color. Very attractive. Large vigorous spikes	.40	4.00
RICHARD DIENER (Diener). Unquestion- ably the most beautiful pink to be found in any flower. Blossoms large and flaring and most beautifully ar- ranged on spike	.75	7.50
ROSE ASH (Diener). Ashes of roses, a color attracting a great deal of atten- tion. Large stately spikes	.25	2.50
SHELL PINK (Kunderd). The largest primulinus to date. Brilliant soft pink, exceptionally beautiful	.35	3.50
SUNSET (Diener). Pale rose pink flaked with bright rose red, yellow throat. Large, beautifully formed blooms	.25	2.50
TEMPE (Kunderd). Old rose pink with bronze lavender throat. Ruffled. Very distinctive	.25	2.50
W. H. PHIPPS (Diener). La France pink overlaid with light rose salmon. Enor- mous flowers almost all open at once. Given highest rating over all other var- ieties by American Gladiolus Society	5.00	50.00
WILLIAM KENT (Diener). Creamy shell pink with golden ochre center. Con- sidered the finest ruffled variety in existence	2.50	25.00

SALMON AND ORANGE SHADES

ALICE TIPLADY (Kunderd). Primulinus. Extra large orange-saffron. Especially recommended	.10	1.00
ALTAIR (Kunderd). A fine, tall primu- linus of salmon saffron, a magnificent shade of color	.15	1.50
ANGOLA (Kunderd) Primulinus. Beau- tiful salmon pink. Ruffled	.10	1.00
BOEOLINK (Kunderd). Orange tinted yellow with daffodil yellow throat. Ex- tremely rich and beautiful	.50	5.00
BUTTERFLY (Burbank). Beautiful yel- low-orange with a distinctive butterfly marking on lower petals	.10	1.00

	Each Dozen	
BUTTERFLY (Kunderd). Primulinus. Salmon-yellow beautifully ruffled.....	.10	1.00
D. J. WHITNEY (Diener). Salmon feathered with rose-salmon. Giant flowers blooming early .....	.50	5.00
JACK LONDON (Diener). Light salmon overlaid with orange.....	.15	1.50
JEWELL (Zeestraten). Primulinus. Bright pink and gold in beautiful contrast .....	.25	2.50
KATHERINE S. HESS (Diener). Orange-salmon, lighter shade in throat. Tall, massive spikes .....	.50	5.00
MAJESTIC (Velthuys). Clear red-orange with white lines on lower petals. Wide open. Gorgeous .....	.15	1.50
MING TOY (Kunderd). Primulinus. Large open bloom of buff and saffron.....	.35	3.50
MISS SPOKANE (Kunderd). Huge, wide-open flowers of a deep orange-pink. Magnificent .....	.25	2.50
MYRA (Kunderd). Giant-flowered primulinus. Deep salmon with rich throat. Very showy .....	.15	1.50
ODIN (Heemskerk). Large, round, open blossom of salmon with small red blotch in throat.....	.25	2.50
ORANGE GLORY (Kunderd). Large ruffled orange .....	.20	2.00
POLA NEGRI (Diener). Apricot with yellow lip. Rose and salmon on edges. Beautiful color combination.....	1.00	10.00
PRINCE OF WALES (Van Zanten). Beautiful shade of salmon with yellow in throat. Especially recommended.....	.10	1.00
ROSALIA (Kunderd). Primulinus. Orange and yellow. Much ruffled. Greatly attractive .....	.25	2.50
SALMON BEAUTY (Kunderd). Primulinus. Large deep-salmon with golden throat .....	.15	1.50
SHEILA (Coleman). A new rich salmon. Huge flowers well placed on the spike .....	.20	2.00

RED SHADES

ARDEN (Kunderd). Primulinus. Large deep watermelon red, beautifully ruffled .....	.15	1.50
CAPELLA (Kunderd). Primulinus. Very large blooms of bright red.....	.15	1.50
CHATEAU THIERRY (Vos). Large light scarlet of distinctive beauty. Striking butterfly blotch on lower petals....	.15	1.50
CRIMSON GLOW (Betcher). Brilliant crimson with velvety sheen. Large and grand .....	.15	1.50
DIANA (Zeestraten). A new sensational red, one of the finest in cultivation.....	.25	2.50
DR. F. E. BENNETT (Diener). Flame orange red. The grandest red in existence. Perfect spikes.....	5.00	.....

	Each Dozen	
JOE COLEMAN (Kunderd). A beautiful ruffled red of perfect form.....	.15	1.50
NEOGA (Kunderd). Dark garnet. Half-ruffled. Very attractive.....	.15	1.50
PURPLE GLORY (Kunderd). Gigantic blooms of deep maroon red. A wonderful exhibition variety.....	.50	5.00
RED FIRE (Kunderd). Dazzling bright red appearing almost self-luminous....	.50	5.00
SCARLANO (Kunderd). Brilliant orange-red. We consider this one of the finest .....	.25	2.50
SCARLET PRINCEPS (Kunderd). Round, wide-open blossoms of a beautiful soft scarlet. Highly recommended.....	.25	2.50
SPLENDORA (Kunderd). The most velvety gladiolus we have ever seen. Dark maroon. Ruffled .....	.20	2.00

PURPLE AND LAVENDER SHADES

ADALINA PATTI (Keur). Dark violet with mottled throat. Buds almost black. Unusual .....	.50	5.00
ANNA EBERIUS (Diener). Velvety purple flaked deeper purple.....	.20	2.00
BLUE LILY (Kunderd). This contrasted with BOBOLINK makes the most beautiful combination imaginable. Lavender-blue .....	.25	2.50
BYRON L. SMITH (Kunderd). Orchid lavender with yellow throat. Unsurpassed coloring .....	.25	2.50
COSTA RICA (Diener). Lavender tinged deeper on the edges. Ruffled. Beautifully formed spikes .....	.15	1.50
GERALDINE FARRAR (Diener). Pale lavender-violet with deep violet spot on lip. Very vigorous	10.00	.....
HERADA (Austin). Pure mauve or deep lilac. Beautiful .....	.10	1.00
LOUISE (Wright). Bright lavender with maroon blotch. Large. Very pleasing .....	.20	2.00
MARY FENNEL (Kunderd). Light lavender tinged pink with yellow throat....	.10	1.00
MRS. F. C. PETERS (Fisher). Beautiful rose lilac with crimson blotch bordered white on lower petals. Large....	.50	5.00
MURIEL (Pfitzer). Light lavender shading to white in throat, blotched with a deeper shade on lower lip. Surpassingly beautiful .....	.25	2.50
REV. EWBANK (Velthuys). Light lavender or porcelain blue. Beautiful.....	.25	2.50

YELLOW SHADES

FLORA (Velthuys). Tall, light yellow.....	.15	1.50
GOLD (Hoeg). A true large-blossomed golden yellow gladiolus.....	.50	5.00
GOLDEN MEASURE (Kelway). The largest golden yellow gladiolus.....	.30	3.00

GOLDEN SWALLOW (Austin). Richest daffodil yellow on petals, swallow-like in formation. A new creation.....	1.00	10.00
GOLDEN WEDDING . Primulinus. Bright yellow overlaid salmon. Very artistic	.10	1.00
GOLD DROP (Kunderd). Primulinus. Very large light yellow. Early.....	.25	2.50
LOVELINESS (Van Konijnenburg). Beautiful cream colored flowers forming large, fine spikes.....	.15	1.50
MORNING GLORY (Vos). Light lemon yellow with small, beautiful splash of scarlet in throat.....	.20	2.00
POLLYANNA (Prestgard). Finely waved petals of beautiful golden yellow.....	.30	3.00
SOUVENIR (Yonkheer). Primulinus. New. A real deep golden yellow.....	.25	2.50
YELLOW TREASURE (Austin). Primulinus, ruffled. Deepest golden yellow. Highest award by the American Gladiolus Society, 1923.....	.50	5.00

WHITE

ALBANIA (Kemp). Unquestionably one of the finest whites in cultivation.....	.25	2.50
ELF (Diener). Lemon yellow bud. Snow-white blossoms, lemon yellow tipped	.25	2.50
ELORA (Burbank). Unusually large ivory-white blooms with an attractive throat of pink and cream.....	.25	2.50
EUROPA (Pfitzer). A fine pure white.....	.15	1.50
L'IMMACULEE . Pure white. Lily form. Tall and stately .....	.15	1.50
MARY PICKFORD (Kunderd). Soft creamy white with sulphur yellow throat .....	.15	1.50
MR. H. A. HYDE (Diener). Large handsomely built spikes of white flowers flaked pink .....	.50	5.00
SNOW GLORY (Kunderd). A flower of rare refinement. Pure white with delicate blue lines in throat. Ruffled.....	2.00	20.00
VENTURA (Kunderd). A pure ruffled white with colored throat.....	.25	2.50
WHITE CITY . An enormous white bloom of rare beauty. New.....	1.00	10.00

ODD SHADES

JOHN T. PIRIE (Kunderd). Mahogany brown with brown throat bordered yellow. Rare and attractive.....	1.00	10.00
PRINCE OF INDIA . Ashes of roses with dark blue and smoky grey markings. Admired by everyone.....	.50	5.00

MIXTURES

	Each Dozen	Hundred
CHOICE MIXTURES OF ONLY FINE NAMED VARIETIES .....	.75	5.00
CHOICE MIXTURE OF PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS .....	.50	4.00
CHOICE MIXTURE OF NAMED VARIETIES AND SEEDLINGS		2.50

COLLECTIONS

3 bulbs **HERADA** (purple).

3 bulbs **PRINCE OF WALES** (salmon).

3 bulbs **FLORA** (yellow).

3 bulbs **EVELYN KIRTLAND** (pink).

The above 12 bulbs, value \$1.35, sent prepaid for \$1.00.

3 bulbs **ALICE TIPLADY** (saffron orange).

3 bulbs **MAIDEN'S BLUSH** (soft deep pink).

3 bulbs **GOLDEN WEDDING** (golden yellow).

3 bulbs **ANGOLA** (salmon buff).

The above 12 bulbs of the primulinus type, value \$1.35, sent prepaid for \$1.00.

3 bulbs **BYRON L. SMITH** (orchid lavender).

3 bulbs **MARSHAL FOCH** (salmon pink).

3 bulbs **MARY PICKFORD** (white and yellow).

3 bulbs **SCARLET PRINCEPS** (brilliant red).

The above 12 bulbs, the cream of the gladiolus world, value \$2.70, sent prepaid for \$2.25.

All three of the above collections, 36 bulbs, representing the finer varieties of gladioli, prepaid for \$4.00.

Collection of one bulb each of all the above varieties, prepaid for \$1.50.

Collection of 100 named varieties, separately labeled, our selection, satisfaction guaranteed, \$20.00.

Flower Fields located on the Lake Washington Boulevard between Bellevue and Hunt's Point. Visitors welcome.

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